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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant(s): | Michael Ströder et al.  | Confirmation No.: | 4218           |
| Serial No.:   | 10/540,497  | Group Art Unit:   | 4181           |
| Filed:        | May 31, 2006  | Examiner:         | Rebecca Y. Lee |
| For:          | TREATMENT OF GRANULAR SOLIDS IN AN ANNULAR FLUIDIZED BED<br>WITH MICROWAVES |                   |                |

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 5, 2008 in which claims 1-25 were subjected to restriction. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-15 and 24-25). As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.